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BUSINESS SPECIALS.
Under this head business notices inserted for ten cents per line. Seven words to the line.
New spring clothing now arriving at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store.
If you want the best tea in town, buy the May Flower at C. N. Tubbs & Co.
12 large double sheets of writing paper or 10 envelopes for 1 cent, Chase's.
Mrs. E. G. Skillings will return, Saturday, with a full line of millinery and millinery novelties. She will also have a new line of fancy goods.
Large 25 cent Japanese silk handkerchiefs 10 cents, Chase's.
Just a few for coats left at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store. Don't want to carry them over. You can buy them for less than it cost to make them.
New lot tinware at wholesale prices. Only two cents for long handled dipper, nutmeg graters, stove cover lifters and for other 5 cent goods. Any dealer who tells you he has better tinware is mistaken, Chase's.
J. A. Roberts has young pigs for sale. Call or write him at once.
You have begun to plan your 1899 flower garden. Flower seeds should be bought at Stone's drug store, Norway.
New kinds 5 cent ink and pencil tablets, 2 for 5 cents, Chase's.
500 cans Baltimore peaches, 10c. can for a few days only, at C. N. Tubbs & Co.
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Buy your new hat at the Blue Store.
If you want a good barrel of flour, interview E. F. Bicknell.
Mrs. Warren Farrar on Marston St. has some furniture for sale, also wagon and harness.
Pure Silver Drip Syrup, 75c. gallon, at C. N. Tubbs & Co.
Have your clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed at F. H. Noyes' Blue Store.
Best 5 cent ink 2 bottles for 5 cents, Chase's.
Girl wanted to do housework, George Austin, Norway.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.
Maple sweets will soon be in the market.
Miss S. B. Prince goes to New York, next week.
Ella Lafarier is visiting her cousin, Annie Lafarier.
Agnes Conner spent Sunday with relatives in Lewiston.
Jessie Dismore visited on Crockett Bridge, last week.
Bicycles are beginning to be displayed by the dealers, and fishing tackle is being overhauled preparatory to the opening of the spring campaign.
A Relic.
Horace Pike has an old invitation to the dedication of Denison's Hall in Norway. The hall was over the Noyes drug store and has since been burned. The invitation was printed on white embossed paper, and the paper has not turned yellow nor the ink faded. The one Mr. Pike has is addressed to Charles Pike (his father). It reads as follows:
Dedication Hall will be given at Denison's Hall by the Norway Sax Horn Band on Wednesday eve., Dec. 29, 1898.
We are respectfully invited to attend with ladies.
Managers:
B. B. Francis, John L. Horn,
J. C. Kimball, Chas. Caverly,
J. A. Kimball, J. A. Kimball,
Wm. W. Virgin, Josiah Evans,
G. G. Colson, J. A. Kimball,
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Henry Evans, Warren Evans,
E. H. Remick, George Robbins,
Geo. L. Best, Samuel Favor,
Joe H. Kemp, Thomas Pool,
O. P. McAllister, Misses: Ned Kendall, Boston; E. K. Eaton,
J. W. Raymond, E. H. Bemis.
Caterer, J. Bennett.
Tickets, \$1.25 including supper.
John L. Horne and E. H. Brown are living in Norway village and expect to have them with us a long time yet. We wonder if any of the others still remain on earth.

At the annual meeting of the Universalist circle, the following officers were elected:
President, Mrs. James Danforth.
Vice-President, Mrs. H. L. Libby.
Secretary, Ella S. Swan.
Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Bicknell.
At the next circle, Tuesday evening, Honor Gurney's Sabbath school class will serve the supper. A large attendance is expected.
We have had snow enough to do teaming and logging on this winter, but we suppose there will be some, as usual, who will be about ready to commence when the snow gets about gone and the ground is bare in places. There seems to be no excuse for this, this year, and we hope the teams will not be obliged to pull half loads over bare ground, but be given a well earned rest till the wheeling is in proper shape to haul a full load on wheels.
The benefits to be derived from advertising are in the future as well as what you may get at the present. Advertising is something like making a snowball—the farther you go the bigger it grows. If, after you have rolled your snowball a little distance, you stop rolling it, and begin another one, you are expending an extra labor instead of accumulating, while if you had kept on rolling the old ball it would soon grow to much larger proportions than any new one you could start.

The Town Clock.
Solomon I. Millett, in the late town meeting, spoke of some things in regard to the town clock, and the following is a statement of Mr. Burnham, who had charge of the clock the past year, and will explain itself.
To THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF NORWAY.—I would beg to state that since I commenced the care of the Town Clock I have never been more than 2 minutes from Standard Time, if the thermometer is to be relied on. It would be difficult for any one to keep it nearer, exposed to the extreme temperatures as a clock in that position is. We did not contract to keep it with Mr. Millett's watch or any other time piece, but have endeavored to keep it as near Standard Time as possible. In regard to water coming in on clock would say that my contract did not call for keeping the Opera House roof in repair, however, as I leaked on the clock when I took same to care for Mr. Leavitt and myself fixed zinc in such a way as to keep the clock dry.
Respectfully, H. H. BURNHAM.

The elm tree that grew near the side of H. J. Bangs' store was cut down, Tuesday. This was done to make room for the second story to be built over the old store to the second story of the addition built in the year of the old store, last fall. The workmen did a good job in cutting it down, as it grew in a narrow driveway between the buildings and the branches overhung both.

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2 months, 25 cents.
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4 months, 50 cents.
6 months, 75 cents.

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E. S. Hutchins of North Fryeburg was in town, Tuesday.
Charles Crosby has recently bought Chas. Millett's place, Daisy Albert Brook from Grafton has recently visited at F. T. Titcomb's.
Wilson Walker is building a refrigerator for John Hayes, the baker.
Mrs. George A. Poor of Boston has been visiting Mrs. Ernest Rowe.
Erlon Dutton started for Texas, last week. He expects to locate at Fort Worth.
A Mr. Brooks, one of the Grand Truck telegraph force in Portland, was in town, Tuesday.
O. H. Haskell of Sweden was here, Saturday, looking after some of their town's poor.
James A. Tuell and wife are visiting his parents, Herriek Tuell and wife, at West Sumner.
P. H. Kelliher of Auburn, U.S. deputy collector of internal revenue, was in town, Tuesday.
Frank Eastman is working for John M. Cummings. He has been at Hastings during the winter.
Gertrude Richards is visiting her sister in Lawrence and will attend the millinery opening in Boston.

Thursday morning there was a good foot of new snow on the ground, that had fallen during the night.
Mrs. Louisa Richardson anticipates visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Barnes of Attleboro, very soon.
There is to be a box-supper at Mrs. Albert Richardson's, next Saturday evening, March 18th. Soberable in the evening.
C. A. Hemingway has moved his blacksmithing business from South Paris to the Allen shop on Main street in this village.
The W. C. T. U. want the public to know that the Union has had nothing whatever to do with school affairs in any way.
Perley E. Crockett's family have taken rent in William C. Leavitt's tenement over his store and will move in with the new month.
It is currently reported that Supt. F. B. Lee is soon to leave the service of the N. & P. Electric Road and go to Plattsburg, N. Y.

Mrs. T. H. Wight, Mrs. E. G. Skillings' milliner, will remain in Boston all of next week and will be in Norway in season for the Easter trade.
There will be a meeting of Co. D. Aid Association, Friday evening at 7.30 at Mrs. Herbert Robinson's. All members are requested to be present.
Fred M. Davis, carriage painter for Geo. H. Bennett, is the maker of the Davis Burn Remedy. It is said to be a very good thing by those who have used it.
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Chas. H. Brett, son of D. L. Brett of Otisfield Gore, who went to Greene three years ago to carry on a farm on shares, returned to his farm in Otisfield, last Saturday.

The Order of United American Mechanics will have a special meeting, next Tuesday, for the transaction of important business, and it is desired to have every man out.
A. F. Marston, of the firm of B. F. Spinney & Co., is counting on Norway to look directly after the business of that firm. He is expected to be here last week in this month.
George R. Stephenson has orders to build two handsome canoes for Fred N. Saunders and Herman Bickford of Lewiston. The boats will probably be put in Lake Auburn's waters.

Mrs. V. W. Hills goes to Boston and New York, next week. She will meet Mrs. Drake in Boston. She will be absent some ten days or more and will attend the millinery openings in the two cities.
W. C. Jordan of Mechanic Falls was in town, Monday, distributing advertising matter for Gray's Business College of Portland. Mr. Jordan is one of the college's students, and he is enthusiastic about the merits of the college.
The flowering maple in Merritt Welch's window has attracted lots of attention, being loaded with large, red, bell-shaped flowers. The shrub belongs to clerk B. Winslow Wood and he thinks that it has well repaid the care expended upon it.

Harry L. Haynes of the Hand Laundry went to Boston on business, last Saturday. He is to return the middle of this day. He has stuck to business pretty close for the three years he has been in town. The laundry is in charge of Will Gerry during his absence.
Geo. T. Jaques, who has been superintendent of B. F. Spinney & Co.'s factory for some months past, closes his laborer for the time being, and will return to his home in Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Jaques have made many friends in town who will be sorry to have them leave.
J. W. Morgan, who used to live between the two villages and weave carpets, has gone to Buckfield to live with Thos. Bradbury. He is to continue to weave hit or miss carpets at the old place. Orders for work may be left with O. E. Morgan on Whitman street. See ad.

We have received a copy of the El Paso Journal. It was undoubtedly sent us by O. H. Bacon, a conductor in the service of the Texas & Pacific Railway Co., who makes headquarters in that faraway city. The Journal is nicely printed and finely illustrated and makes a good showing for that city. Mr. Bacon was born in Greenwood.

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The Browning Club of Norway met with Mrs. C. S. Akers, Monday evening. The members of the club are reading Cuban history.
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Fannie Tee has returned from Washington, D. C., where she has been visiting her parents, who are spending a part of the winter there.
F. R. Taylor is contemplating buying or building a cottage by the lake. He has already purchased a considerable amount of furniture for the cottage.
William P. Buck of Gorham, N. H., died at the residence of his son-in-law, L. L. Jackson, "proprietor of the Eagle House, last Thursday afternoon, aged 78 years." The remains were taken to Norway, Saturday morning, and placed in the tomb at Norway Pine Grove cemetery to await interment.

Norway Municipal Court.
F. L. Washburn of South Paris was sentenced to pay \$8 and costs for drunkenness and disturbance, Wednesday.

NORWAY LAKE.
Blanche Kilgore is visiting in Denmark.
Mrs. Tucker seems to be improving a very little.
Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Hill were at David Flood's, Sunday.
Mrs. Potter of Denmark is keeping house for A. D. Kilgore.
Augusta French of North Norway is visiting at C. A. Stephens'.

Miss E. L. Lafarier is visiting her many friends here, this week.
Elden Hall visited his grandmother, Mrs. Seba Gammon, Wednesday.
Little Phil Young of Norway was at his grandfather's, J. F. Bradbury's, a part of last week.
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Flood went to North Norway, Sunday, to visit Mrs. Flood's father, A. H. Packard.
Last Monday, Benj. Tucker was accidentally injured quite badly in the face by the horn of a bull belonging to E. J. Hobbs.

Miss S. P. Newhall is in Southern California visiting her sister, Mrs. George Grant. We hope her sister will return with her.
As Mr. Shattuck was walking along in the road, one day last week, he was struck in the side by a sleigh, hurting him quite severely.

Fryeburg.
The winter term of the academy closes, next week.
Miss M. S. Howe has been visiting friends in Bartlett, N. H.
Misses Barrows and Goodwin of Boston made a short visit in Fryeburg, last week.
There will be a spelling match and supper in New Church Hall, Friday evening.
The pupils of Mrs. A. M. Abbott gave a piano recital at her home, Saturday afternoon.

The ladies of the Congregational society gave an entertainment in the vestry, Tuesday evening.
Rev. P. E. Cressey of North Conway preached in the Congregational church, Sunday morning. Rev. E. H. Abbott preaching at North Conway.
Mrs. E. E. Hastings entertained the members of the Chautauque circle, Monday evening. The programme was devoted to Shakespeare, and included, His Life, Mrs. Barker; Literary Work, Miss Harris; a description of Stratford-on-Avon, Rev. E. H. Abbott.

The athletic exhibition given by the academy students, Thursday evening, was a first-class entertainment. It included, besides the athletics, readings, music by the orchestra, and the band quartette. They gave the same programme at North Conway, N. H., Saturday evening.
An interesting programme was presented at the last meeting of the Woman's Club. The topic was "The Schools of Fryeburg." An excellent paper on the early schools was given by Miss Warr, while Miss Wood read an interesting one on "The Educators of Maine."

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Elected:
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Appropriated:
Use of hydrants, \$300
Lighting streets, 400
Debt and interest, 200
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Pay members of fire department, 200
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Truck for hook and ladder company, 250
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BETHEL.
Charles Heath had a fibroid tumor removed from one of his legs, last week.
Alice Hamilton of Mechanic Falls has been visiting friends here. She is the daughter of Rev. Alexander Hamilton, a former pastor of the Methodist church in this place.
Saturday noon, Chauncey C. Bryant forgot to lock his store door when he went to dinner. Somebody visited the store during his absence, took advantage of the opportunity and stole \$49.50 which was in the money drawer.
Judge and Mrs. Foster on Saturday purchased the residence on Deering street, Portland, No. 17, known as the T. H. Weston property, and now occupied by his widow, who will continue to reside there about a month. After that some repairs will be made inside and it is expected that the Judge and his family will occupy it about the first of September.
William F. Lovejoy.

Mr. Lovejoy died, Sunday night, aged 73 years. He had not been vigorous for several years. The cause of death was pneumonia.
He was a native of Rockland. His whole life had been spent in the hotel business, and he had been proprietor of hotels at Gray and Monmouth before he came to Oxford county and located at Bethel. He was proprietor of the old Bethel House which was burned. He built a new and larger Bethel House. The situation is very fine, standing at the upper end of the common in Bethel. It overlooks a vast landscape and is a most beautiful view. Later he acquired the near-by hotel known as The Elms and has run it in connection with the Bethel House.
Mr. Lovejoy married Martha A. Hill of Warren, who survived. Of their four children two are living—Ferre H., who was taken into partnership with his father several years ago, and Clinton C., who is a prosperous farmer in Andover.

Mr. Lovejoy was a successful business man and did well in the hotel business. He did much toward bringing to Bethel the large amount of summer travel which comes there.
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Fire police, F. B. Goodwin, C. L. Davis, Chas. Pool, Gilbert Tuell, A. H. Hutchins, A. C. Frost, Warren Emery, George Kneeland, Herbert Lord, Newton Richardson, David Brown, John B. Chapman.
Appropriated:
Use of hydrants, \$300
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Debt and interest, 200
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Half a dozen bare blades were at his breast before he could move. The man lifted his hands and held them toward the gendarmes with a gesture which said clearly:

"I will go with you whither you will!"

"March!" cried a voice from the street.

"Halt!" said another—my own—out of the dusk of the porch.

With the instinct of obedience the man halted. Their officer came threateningly toward me, with anger in his eye. So soon, however, as he saw my uniform of general his sword rose and dropped again in his salute.

"Pardon, excellency. I failed to recognize you in the darkness. What shall I do with this man who has accused himself of murder?"

"Send him to my lodgings, and bring his wife, Maria Perrone, directly from the prison. I would confront them the one with the other."

The officer again saluted with infinite respect. Was he not an officer of police and I inspector of prisons and a general—scarcely less than a king to him?

I strolled to my rooms in a strangely expectant frame of mind. I was about to witness a curious sight—two self-accusers for one murder. One lied—it was my business to discover which.

The two dragons of my escort who were on duty saluted as I entered. At the top of the stair I found Stephano, my orderly, in a state of wild consternation. There was talk of brigands in the town, he said, and I had not been seen since 4 o'clock. But I comforted him with a cheerful word and told him that before supper there were certain prisoners to be examined. He must therefore make such preparations as might seem most impressive and official. So I went to my bedroom and threw myself down on the couch to think the matter over.

Presently some one came and tapped gently at my door.

"Who is there?" I cried.

"It is I, Stephano," said the orderly.

"Ah, Stephano, come in."

Then the faithful one told me quickly that all was ready—the man waiting, the syndic himself present, and the feet of the guard who brought the woman already on the stair.

Stephano quickly buckled on my sword and threw the silken general's sash over my shoulder. Then he drew his own sword, opened the door and announced me formally.

"His most illustrious excellency the general!"

For Stephano magnified his own office, and incidentally his own.

It was a curious scene which I witnessed when I entered the great room of the old palace, which in the troubles of the great Napoleon had become the chief inn of the sadly reduced city of Atrani.

My escort, all save the sentries at the outer door, were disposed in full uniform on either side of the gloomy apartment. A long table stood in the midst with candles and papers upon it, the latter for show merely, being mostly regimental dockets of Stephano and a few trifling reports of my own. The syndic had seated himself at the side of the table, but at the brusque announcement of Stephano he had risen and stood with bowed head while I walked to the red and gold chair of state reserved for me at the upper end of the room.

Then, as they were bringing forward the prisoner, Stephano came again to my side, and, unbuckling the sword of honor which the king had given me, he laid it with infinite dignity on the table in front of me.

"We are in an ill town and among an untrustworthy folk, at once turbulent and bandit ridden," he whispered as I moved my hand impatiently. "It is well to let the cattle know it when a great man deigns to come among them."

For Stephano was also of the north and despised the canaille of the south-eastern sea.

I looked up and saw Leo Perrone standing at the end of the table farthest from me. His hands were bound behind him. He looked on the floor, but his face was no longer as I had seen it, shaken with emotion. He was grave and stern rather, but very quiet within.

There came the tramp of soldiers on the stone stairs, and a file of carabinieri entered with a woman. It was Maria Perrone, the dark woman with the handsome eyes whom I had seen in the morning. They brought her to the table end and set her beside her husband.

She glanced up and her eyes fell on him.

"Leo!" she cried fiercely. "Leo! A prisoner! Oh, my Leo! What have you done now?"

And she raised her arms and clasped him about the neck. The loose, coarse prison sleeves fell back from the white rounded arms, and I saw her fingers clasp and knit convulsively behind the man's head. He turned his eyes toward her, and pain and love struggled together in his eyes. The muscles of his arms twitched and drew like wire bells, pulls as he struggled to get his arms free, but the steel wrists held.

"Maria! Mother Maria! Beloved one!" he said huskily, looking at her a moment.

And then, as she clung yet closer to him, he pushed her gently away with a proud little movement, as one who would say: "Shame, shame, beloved! This is no time and no company for the showing of love!"

But in spite of these Maria Perrone wistfully kept her eyes on him, but he did not look again at his wife, but as if he dared us to think ill of it he fronted us all defiantly and yet with a certain grimly watchful respectfulness which won upon me.

Slowly the woman's hands unclashed themselves as she shed the uneasy drag of her husband's shoulders under her touch. Her white arms grew suddenly lax and fell heavily to her sides. She faced about, looking to us one by one.

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I paused awhile before I spoke, turning over in my mind how I should best arrive at the truth.

"You are guilty of this murder for which you were condemned?" I said to the woman.

"I am truly guilty of the man's death! I, and I alone, did it!" she answered firmly. "I know not of what my husband is accused that he stands here bound; but, as God is my judge, of all part in the killing of the soldier, Giovanni Lupo, he is innocent!"

I nodded and turned to her husband. The woman's eyes were steady as truth itself.

"You hear what your wife testifies?" I said to the man. "Do you still adhere to the open confession you made in the duomo tonight?"

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"You are mad—mad—mad, Leo Perrone! Hold your peace. He is beside himself, great general. Do not listen!" cried the woman, coming swiftly round the table before any one could prevent her and kneeling at my chair. Stephano, who did not approve of such familiarity, would have thrust her back, but I motioned him to his place with my hand without speaking. The woman set her hand quickly to her head, as if her wits were in danger of leaving her and she desired to recall them. With the hurried movement all her fine dark hair fell below her waist in crisp waves of shining blue black silk. The soldiers about the room gasped with astonishment, divided between duty and admiration.

"Do not believe him," she pleaded, clasping her hands. "He but desires to save me even at the cost of his own life, for you see, he loves me—yes, he loves me. I know him well. He would die to save me. My imprisonment has driven him mad. But listen, most illustrious excellency, all the truth!"

"Speak the truth—all the truth!" said Leo Perrone, sternly and quietly.

"It was Lupo, the soldier," at last the little girl spoke out, looking very modestly at me, "and he had come often to our house. My mother hated him. My father warned him not to come. But one night, when my father was among the mountains on his business, Lupo, the wolf, came and first spoke ill words and then at last he took hold of my mother to hurt her. Whereupon my mother cried: 'Leo, Leo, my man, my man! Help me!'"

He continued.

"I think a great deal of the Sarsaparilla. I have taken it for indigestion and nervousness and have recommended it to others. I was recently troubled with rheumatism. I began taking Hood's which soon checked its progress and cured it." JOSEPH FINE, 21 Loomis St., Montpelier, Vermont.

Hood's Pills are non-irritating and the only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Don't for Dog Owners.

Don't feed your dog small bones.

Don't let your dog suffer with fleas.

Don't kick your dog if you wish him to obey you.

Don't give raw milk to puppies; always boil or scald it.

Don't feed a dog candy or sweets. It often produces fits.

Don't forget that flies annoy your dog as much as they do you.

Don't allow your dog to roam the streets because he has a license.

Don't allow stale water to go down the dog's throat while in confinement.

Don't fail to have a regular time for exercising, feeding and caring for your dog.

Don't fail to see that your dog has sufficient bedding to keep himself warm and that it is clean.

The love of a pet, more especially a pet dog, can be shown better not by applying terms of endearment in the presence of visitors or by endowing him with an expensive collar or fine ribbons, but by careful attention to his health. Give him plenty of fresh air and exercise. Keep him clean and his coat well groomed. Give him plenty of exercise.

Does Coffee Agree With You?

If not, drink Grain-O—made from pure grains. A lady writes: "The first time I made Grain-O I did not like it but after using it for one week nothing would induce me to get back to coffee. It nourishes and feeds the system. The children can drink it freely with great benefit. It is the strongest substitute

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Coming Events.

Mar. 16—Prize speaking, Bridgton Academy.
Apr. 2—Easter Sunday.
Apr. 6—Lectures: Ministers, Norway Opera House.
Apr. 10—Norway village corporation annual meeting.
May 2—Supreme Court, South Paris.
June 10—Special Congressional election.

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It is thought that the Maine Legislature may close up its business for this session, this week.

Last year, 1,251 patients were admitted to the Maine General Hospital at Portland. 1,075 were residents of Maine and 56 were from Oxford County.

DIXFIELD.

Mrs. Sarah A. Lake of Roxbury, Mass., gave a reception in honor of the five daughters of the late William Stockbridge of Dixfield: Mrs. Harriett Edmonds, aged 82 years; Mrs. Ajuba Griffith, aged 75 years; Mrs. Annarill Maybury, aged 70 years; Mrs. Hannah Whitton, aged 68 years; and Mrs. Mary Jane Bacon, aged 64 years. The five sisters spent most of their early life among the Oxford hills, and each in turn married, and all but Harriett moved away. This is the first time in many years that they have been all together, the presence of their children and their children's children making the meeting the happier. Sixty guests, nearly all relatives, were present at the reception in Roxbury.

NORTH FRYEBURG.

Bert Smith visited his parents in Jackson, last week.

Willard Mansfield has Clarence Smith helping do his chores and wood saving.

Mrs. W. J. Pitman and daughter Louise visited relatives in Jackson, recently.

Abel Andrews and wife of Albany have been visiting at D. M. Andrews', the past week.

Wellington Chandler's family and goods passed through the place, last week, on their way to Chatham, where they have bought the Augustus Brickett farm.

Mr. Hoyt spoke to a full house, last Sunday. It is to be hoped that the society will be successful in engaging him for the year, and it would be very nice for everyone interested if a few much needed repairs could be made upon the interior of the chapel.

PORTER.

The crows and robins are with us again.

Now the grip has left us and gone for new fields of labor.

A. E. Rounds has his woodpile all cut up and in the shed.

David Ridlon is hauling his shingle timber to Kezar Falls.

Joseph Towle has been quite sick with a bilious attack.

Blanche French of Charleston, Mass., has returned to her home.

S. Pendexter has been suffering for a few weeks with a felon on his thumb.

Warren Libby has returned to his home. He has been stopping in Portland.

Willie Rounds caught two gray squirrels, a few days ago, which he is trying to tame.

Mrs. Daniel Wentworth has returned to her home. She has been spending the winter with her son Fred in Everett, Mass.

WEST FRYEBURG.

Minnie Farrington is at home from her school at Mechanic Falls for the spring vacation.

Stephen Farrington, Henry Andrews and Frank Eastman are having new paper hangings. Frank Mansfield is doing the work for the two former. Mr. Eastman does his own papering.

Emma Ballard entertained upwards of thirty of the young people on Wednesday evening. Music, games, dancing and an oyster supper made a success of the effort of the hostess.

ANDOVER.

"How's your arm?"
Bert Akers is driving stage.

The Ladies' Circle will be entertained by Mrs. Henry Porter, March 18.

Rev. Mr. Corey preached a very interesting sermon here, Thursday evening. Subject, "The elder son."

J. A. Dunning has gone to Parmachenee lake for the summer. Henry Learned will take his place at H. V. Poor's.

Pomona Grange.

The Oxford Pomona Grange meets, Tuesday, April 4th, in South Paris. Program:

Forenoon.
Opening in 5th degree.
Routine business.
Conferring 5th degree.
Paper.
Recess.

Afternoon.
Music.
Recitation.
Sister Anna Churchill Declaration.
Question: How shall farmers' institutes be conducted to be of the greatest benefit to farmers?
Song.
Original paper.
Reading.

LOVELL.

Josephine Stearns is sick with the mumps.

Mr. and Mrs. Salmon McKeen are visiting in Norway.

Blanche Russell is visiting friends and relatives in Norway and Stoneham.

Jesse Brackett is doing chores for Joseph Stearns, who has been quite sick but is slowly recovering.

The following teachers have been selected for the summer terms of school in this town:

North Lovell, Mira P. McAllister.
Shab City, Lucy Elliott.
West Lovell, Emma McAllister.
Center, Blanche L. Russell.
Village, Mrs. Lillian K. Mason.

Mrs. E. C. Hamblen, who went with her husband to Portland to live with their daughter, Mrs. Clara Freeman, some weeks since, was brought to Lovell, Friday, the 10th, for burial. The remains were accompanied by her son-in-law, Albert Freeman. The interment was at the Center cemetery. Mr. Freeman returned to Portland, Friday night.

W. M. Benton has his bark all hauled to Fryeburg.

Horace Adams of Fryeburg Center was in the place, Monday.

Bert Tower of Sweden will drive the timber on Kezar river.

Frank Briggs has been in Brunswick on business, this week.

Eli Witham's family have all been sick with bad colds, the past week.

John Elliott is having timber sawed and will build an ell to his house, this spring.

N. T. Fox is at home from Portland where he has been attending Shaw's Business College.

Alice Benton has been at work at C. H. Brown's, as Mrs. Brown has been quite sick with grip.

W. C. Bassett has had a hard wood floor laid in his dining room. Willard Knight did the work.

B. E. Brown and wife have gone back to work at Rockland, Mass. They will be greatly missed by all.

Daniel McAllister will drive the timber out of Kezar pond, this spring. It comes into the Saco at the Harbor.

Leslie Stearns and wife have returned from Rockland, Mass., where they have been at work in a shoe shop. We are glad to say that they will make Lovell their home.

The C. E. Circle will be entertained at Fox's hall on Friday evening, March 17, by Mrs. Frank Emery and Mrs. G. W. Walker. This is the first circle that has been held this winter, on account of sickness. All are invited.

NORWAY CENTER.

Ethel and Hattie Richardson are having the mumps.

Tommy Wells has been very poorly for the past two weeks.

Walter Hobbs of Boston was at his home in this place, recently.

Samuel Foster and daughter Lydia are quite poorly, having had the grip.

May Hobbs has had a severe attack of neuralgia in her face but is now better.

Will Mason who is at work for Chas. Freeman was at Fred Grover's, Sunday.

Lem Tyler, wife and daughter, also Lillian Morrill drove from West Bethel to this place, last Friday, to visit their sister, Mrs. D. A. Watson.

Mrs. Thos. Knightly and son Howard visited friends at Bridgton, last week, and returned with a new horse which he bought of Simeon Knights.

NORTH LOVELL.

G. P. McAllister went to Auburn, Thursday.

Will Farrington cut his foot quite badly, Friday last, which necessitated the taking of five stitches.

Annie Walker and Mrs. Caroline Bell visited at C. A. McKean's, Saturday, and were at the circle in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McKean entertained the circle, Saturday evening. There was a very large company, five towns being represented.

Will Vance and wife have moved back to their home, having lived in the house with Mrs. Calvin Heald, this winter, while he worked in the woods.

Rev. J. W. Grindell preached in the schoolhouse in the Bartlett neighborhood, Sunday p. m. Quite a number from this place accompanied him. They report a full house.

The Americans are still victorious in the Philippines, though the Filipinos are full of fight.

PERFECT womanhood depends on perfect health. Nature's rarest gifts of physical beauty vanish before pain.

Sweet dispositions turn morbid and fretful. The possessions that win good husbands and keep their love should be guarded by women every moment of their lives.

The greatest menace to woman's permanent happiness in life is the suffering that comes from derangement of the feminine organs.

Many thousands of women have realized this too late to save their beauty, barely in time to save their lives. Many other thousands have availed of the generous invitation of Mrs. Pinkham to counsel all suffering women free of charge.

Mrs. H. J. GARRETTSON, Bound Brook, N. J., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM—I have been taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound with the best results and can say from my heart that your medicines are wonderful. My physician called my trouble chronic inflammation of the left ovary. For years I suffered very much, but thanks to Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and kind advice, I am today a well woman. I would say to all suffering women, take Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine and your sufferings will vanish."

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"Evil Dispositions Are Early Shown."

Just so evil in the blood comes out in shape of scrofula, pimples, etc., in children and young people. Taken in time it can be eradicated by using Hood's Sarsaparilla.

In older people, the aftermath of irregular living shows itself in bilious conditions, a heavy head, a foul mouth, a general bad feeling.

It is the blood, the impure blood, friends, which is the real cause. Purify that with Hood's Sarsaparilla and happiness will reign in your family.

Blood Poison.—I lived in a bed of fire for years owing to blood poisoning that followed small pox. It broke out all over my body, itching intensely. Tried doctors and hospitals in vain. I tried Hood's Sarsaparilla. It helped. I kept at it and was entirely cured. I could go on the house-top and shout about it. Mrs. J. T. WILLIAMS, Carbondale, Pa.

Scrofula sores.—My baby at two months had scrofula sores on cheek and arm. Local applications and physicians' medicine did little or no good. Hood's Sarsaparilla cured him permanently. He is now four, with smooth fair skin. Mrs. S. S. WROZEN, Farmington, Me.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

HEBRON.

Prof. Sargent was in Lewiston, Monday.

The brick for the dormitory are being hauled from Mechanic Falls.

Mrs. Rosa Donham and daughter Hazel have been spending a few days at Augustus.

Frank Pike has the contract for furnishing sand for the new dormitory at Hebron Academy.

The ladies' circle had a picnic supper at their room at the church, Tuesday evening, at which the gentlemen were invited.

The first meeting of the corporators of the Hebron Water Co. will be held on Tuesday, March 21st, at 7 p. m., at the principal's office, Sturtevant Hall.

Judson Andrews of Jefferson has been spending a few days in Hebron. On Tuesday, he started for Canaan, N. Y., where he has a situation at an orphan home under Prof. W. W. Mayo.

BUCKFIELD.

Geo. Gifford of Auburn is in town ministering to the wants of his mother, Mrs. Lorana Keen, who is sick with bronchial pneumonia.

There is nothing like putting off a town meeting a week to get up steam. Lots of electioneering was done, a full attendance and an abundance of enthusiasm.

We are glad to see R. C. Thomas and wife return from a two months' trip to Florida looking so well. Mr. Thomas is not very favorably impressed with the outlook there. Many, he says, have lost all, in consequence of the late freeze, who depended on their orange crop for sustenance.

Dr. O. R. Hall lectured at Nezinscut Hall, last week, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows. His lecture was highly spoken of, but owing to some misconceptions in relation to arrangements there was not so large a house as the merits of the lecture should warrant.

"Another Burden," by Mrs. Greenleaf, in a late issue of the ADVERTISER seems to reach the milk of the coccyzus in every stanza and every line. "But don't they do the white man up 'brown' all around the goal. Among papers sent the writer from Manchester, N. H., The Weekly Union contains three poems on the subject. Verily, it appears to be dawning on our people that to save souls by slaughter should cease in this enlightened (?) age.

NORTH WATERFORD.

Dea. Ezra Hersey of Bisbee town is still on the sick list.

Mr. Pratt and C. R. Rice from Bethel were in town, last Sunday.

The ladies' circle postponed from the 7th will be held in the vestry, this week Tuesday.

Walter E. Douglass has gone to work at Bridgton in the corn shop for Burnham & Doughty.

Edith F. Knight of Bisbee town has returned to the high school at Norway after a vacation of three weeks.

Melvina Green, daughter of the late Cyrus Green, is at home from Farmington Normal School on a short vacation.

Elton York with his three grays was breaking out roads, last Wednesday, after the storm that came the day before.

Arthur Saunders has got through at Gilead, where he has been at work hauling long lumber for Mr. Jewell of Gorham, N. H.

Moses Mosher recently sold a horse to Freeman Stanley.

Sadie Horr is attending school at Douglass Seminary.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ray has been quite sick with a bad cold, but is better now.

A social at Lewis Hall, Friday evening, March 17. There will be three pieces of music.

Robert, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saunders, was quite sick, the past week, with a bad cold and lung trouble, but is much better now.

SOUTH CASCO.

George Young of Great Falls is visiting at his grandmother's, Mrs. Josiah Webb's of this place.

Joseph P. Wiggin who crushed his leg between two logs some months ago, is now on the mending hand.

Mr. McKinney and wife, the daughter of Josiah Webb, who arrived here before the death of her father, which occurred on Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, aged 80 years. Mr. McKinney went to Bridgton, last week, and returned here, Sunday the 12th inst., at noon.

S. W. Potter of West Bethel offers his farm for sale. See ad.

MRS. E. A. HOWE

SOUTH PARIS, MAINE.

Invites you to visit her store and see the BARGAINS IN

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Ladies' Night Robes from 50 cts. to \$2.27; Corset Covers from 15 cts. to \$1.00; Drawers from 25 cts. to 75 cts. It will save you to call and examine these as well as other goods. No trouble to show goods.

Also a nice line of Ladies' and Childrens' Hosiery, Corsets, Kid Gloves, Stamped Linen Goods, Handkerchiefs, Fancy Combs, Pins, etc.

MRS. E. A. HOWE'S MILLINERY STORE, SOUTH PARIS, ME.

We have got a full line of

Rubber Boots

and you will soon need them. Our prices are always right.

Yours truly,

SMILEY SHOE STORE,

E. N. SWETT, Mgr. NORWAY, MAINE.

Having closed out almost our entire stock of Men's Heavy Weight Suits, we are now preparing to show the strongest lines of

Light and Medium Weight Suits

Ever shown in Norway and at prices so low that no one can afford to be without a HIGH GRADE STYLISH, DURABLE SUIT.

See our lines before you purchase. Ours are new and sure to please.

NORWAY CLOTHING HOUSE

A. L. SANBORN & CO., Props. Norway, Me.

Make the hen lay NOW

Eggs are high-priced.

We have the

STUFF TO DO IT

GROUND OYSTER SHELL

CRACKED BONE

MICA GRIT

EGG LIME GRIT

BOWKER'S ANIMAL MEAL

GROUND BEEF SCRAP

PROLIFIC EGG FOOD

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OUR LINE OF

New Spring Wrappers

NOW IN

Look them over now.

The assortment is large.

The wrappers are well made.

They are perfect fitting.

They are the latest style.

If they are not all satisfactory in EVERY respect they can be returned.

Merritt Welch

NORWAY, MAINE.

All Kinds of Ladies' Ready-Made Clothing.

Town Reports.

OTISFIELD.—Resident real estate, \$155,000.00; non-resident, 32,650.00; total valuation, 225,590.00. Property tax rate, .024. Number polls, 217. Poll tax, \$3.00. Expenditures—Town farm, \$203.07; support of C. E. Wright, 272.30; support of other poor, 511.34; abatement, 100.90; old highway bills, 891.31; officers, 440.40; miscellaneous, 380.88; repairs of highways, 1,384.41; snow bills, 338.79; school books, 48.69; support of schools and schoolhouse repairs, 1,677.69.

Town Meetings.

STONELAND.
Moderator, Levi McAllister.
Clerk, Fred H. Bartlett.
Selectmen, Jonathan Bartlett, Wm. Adams, Frank McAllister.
Treasurer, Arthur F. Moody.
Collector, H. A. Bickford.
S. S. Committee, J. L. Russell.

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Frederick... F. Lewis
West Paris... S. T. White's
Orders for single copies at a cents each sent direct to the office of publication will be promptly filled. Advertiser, Norway, Me.

It is true that advertising will not put merchandise into poor hands, but good merchandise often becomes poor for the want of good advertising.

NORWAY AND VICINITY.

Mamie Ritchie visited in Berlin recently.

O. W. Brown is visiting his father, G. Julian Brown.

Mrs. George Jacques visited in Turner, the past week.

Mrs. Frank P. Knapp has been very sick with the grip.

Allen F. Bartlett of Lynn is visiting relatives in Norway.

Henry H. Burnham has visited his father, Charles Burnham, of Bridgton, recently.

About fifty members of Norway Grange attended Pomona Grange at West Paris.

Hortense Gardner Gregg is in Lovell and vicinity, this week, selling her book, "Jac and Gill."

Five new members were added to the Congregational church, Sunday, four on confession of faith.

Verne Aldrich and Fred Stearns went to Portland, Saturday, to attend the Shaw's Business College.

Walter S. Chandler and family have moved from Charles H. Adams' house on Main street to South Paris, where they have taken rent in Henry K. Stearns' house on Pleasant street.

The suit of the town of Norway vs. the town of Wilton, to recover for support of the late Robert S. Townsend, will probably be fought in the courts. At their annual town meeting the voters of Wilton instructed their selectmen to defend the suit. The amount involved is \$149.95.

George R. Stephenson has built a very fine boat for Dr. Albert Thompson. This boat will be put into Lake Umbagog in the spring to be used in connection with the doctor's fine new cottage. The cottage was completed, last fall and winter, and it will be furnished and ready for occupancy in the spring.

The Celebrated Luciers will appear at Opera House, Norway, April 6th, headed by the original Luciers of minstrel fame, J. R. Lucier, the blind musician, supported by a talented company of artists. A brand new show in every respect. Don't fail to witness this attraction, as it is the best the Luciers ever carried. Beware of impostors. The Luciers wish to state that they do not carry a band now but give a grand show inside. Don't forget the date, April 6th.

Elm Tree Colony, United Order of the Pilgrim Fathers, had a public gathering last Friday evening. A baked bean supper was served to nearly two hundred people. Following supper was a pleasant entertainment, given by Frank Kimball and Horace Cole, solo by James Dunn and Mrs. Willard Hassan, readings by Mrs. Herman L. Bartlett and Freda Schner. Neddie Burnell was the lucky party that got the quilt. The entertainment was followed by a dance.

Letter to C. B. Cummings & Sons.

Norway, Me.

Dear Sir:

You own several houses. Your reason for painting Devoe lead and zinc should be several times as strong as the man who owns but one.

Lead and oil was good enough paint till the merits of zinc were found out. It was profitable to paint lead and oil—it was then—but not now.

The addition of zinc to lead makes Devoe lead and zinc last twice as long and cost no more; zinc less—a trifling loss, not much. Lead and oil is mixed by hand. Devoe lead and zinc by machinery. Might as well make one's shirts by hand as mix paint. Say it costs \$100 a house to paint lead and oil; and it lasts three years.

Say it costs the same for Devoe; which lasts six years—it will last ten years, in favorable conditions, unless you want to repaint to change the color.

The costs: lead and oil about \$30 a year. Devoe \$15 probably less.

Yours truly,
F. W. Devoe & Co.

BETHEL.

Chester Wheeler of Auburn has been visiting relatives here.

W. F. Lovejoy, the well-known landlord of "The Lovejoy," is ill of pneumonia.

More than \$20 was the net income from the dinners sold by the ladies of the library association on town meeting day.

Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are preparing to move to North Bethel to the farm which they recently bought of Charles H. Verrill.

The town will build a new school-house at Northwest Bethel and move the Mason district schoolhouse to Middle Intervale.

J. A. Thurston of Newry Corner is running his mill at Newry and also his mill at Swan's Corner in this town. He gets out some 500 cords of stave timber and will turn 800 to 1,000 cords of birch into dowels and novelties.

A. M. Edwards, superintendent of schools in Pittsfield, Mass., has been visiting his father, Col. Clark S. Edwards. Mr. Edwards has accepted a fine position with Ginn & Co., the school book publishers, and will locate in Syracuse, N. Y.

Marcia Hastings is at home from Auburn. She will soon go to Chicago to visit her brother, Charles Hastings, who is one of the librarians of Chicago University. Later she will visit her sister, Cora Hastings, librarian of Iowa College, Grinnell, Iowa.

The electric clock which Gould's Academy recently won in the contest between Bridgton, Hebron and Gould's academies costs \$100, and the expense to the academy of putting it in, electricians' bills, etc., are likely to equal or exceed that sum.

Moses M. Hanson Dead.

Moses M. Hanson of Oxford, father of Deputy Superintendent Orrin M. Hanson of the police department, Boston, is dead. Deceased was born in 1820 and was 79 years old. He was a skilled mechanic and one of the oldest and best known citizens of his native state of Maine. His death resulted from a stroke of paralysis suffered some weeks ago. His wife survives him.

In Cold Alaska.

Carl E. Farrar of Paris, who left Maine a year ago this winter is stopping through the winter at Ft. Wrangel on Wrangel Island, Alaska. He has two claims in the Altin gold fields, lake Alfin, but intends to work this season. In one of his letters he sent home were the following lines:

Introduction.

The unchained thought that roams at will laughs at the writer's quill; What wonder I, in verse untaught, Should make a "miss" when wording thought?

LOOKING HOME FROM ALASKA.

I watch the moonbeams, clear and bright That dim the stars of a frosty night, And every hour, dance and play On the rippling tide across the bay; And numberless fancies appear to me In the clear, cold depths of the restless sea, And like the mirage in a desert land Familiar objects before me stand.

I see the old home of my youth, Where I was taught to honor truth; A barefoot boy at the old board gate, I watch the sun, and whistling wait To see the bright boat come and go; At the close of a cloudless summer's day, Breathing the cool and perfumed air, Fresh from the bloom of the orchards near, Once more to school my footsteps tend,— As I struggle along, a careless "brat," In home-made blouse and "popple" hat, Eager to join in boisterous play, My mates at school, where life was gay.

And even now I hear the ring Of the school-bell's long-lingering— Of the school-bell's long-lingering— Of the school-bell's long-lingering—

We crowd in the entry, the last word said, To meet the one who has been long away, To the ink stains that adorn the wall, To seem I still can see them all;

The old desk on the platform stands, The chalk-marked blackboard above it hangs, And the chalk-marked blackboard above it hangs, The marks of some careless hand still stand, But a welcome sound was the bell at four, That told us our books for this day were o'er; And hearts were light and laughter loud, As we journeyed home, a merry crowd, Parting where the road was long, Bidding each other a cheery good-night, Not thinking then, in our thoughtless play, Of the varying road of our lives, today.

Again through the fields of the old home place, With young companions I romp and race, Seeing the hollows and ridges and swales, Surrounding hills and wooded vales; And I vividly recall the empty stall, Taking the halter from the empty stall; My pockets stuffed with apples sweet, I hunt the horse with restless feet, Searching each well-remembered nook, Fighting the chubs in the pasture brook, Where the winding cowpath lies revealed, Over the hill by the "peaked" field.

At last they found a cool, running stream, Cropping the banks of their verdure green; The old horse looks, as much to say, "I guess you want me to haul in hay."

But the outstretching apple, round and fair, Is for her a restless snare, As she bites the tempting, sweet and red, And the horse over her head and neck, And mounting my steed with a boy's delight, Ride over the hills like an armed knight, When the day was still and the sun hung low, To the screen for my fish-line I would go, Then make my way to the rocks of the brook, There to bait and drop the pointed hook, Waiting to feel a tug at the line.

That I thought might come at any time; A flash in the water of a speckled trout, A swirl of the line and I toss him out— The spotted beauty hangs from a tree, Wriggles and twists in an attempt to be free, But I gather him in on a crooked quick, And place him secure on a crooked quick.

Half hidden by bushes in garments of green, I through the woodland I follow the stream, Half hidden by bushes in garments of green, I through the woodland I follow the stream, Still tempting the fish from under the bank, Straightening the chubs in the pasture brook, At last reach the meadow and try the last hole, Then break off the tip of the natural ground pole.

And turn my steps homeward, drenched to my hide, But proud of the beauties that hang by my side.

Then, when I am dressed in another attire, And sit in the porch by the warm glowing fire, Tell of a big one in some described nook, That of course got away with my fish-line and hook.

With lots of good things the table is spread, But best of all is that milk-cornbread; And here, when a youngster, I was seldom late, Calling for "more pie" with it seldom late. As the evening passes, I talk and play, Of what I shall do when grown to a man, And then to thoughts, near Arctic lands, I watch the waves in white-capped bands.

While I thought, that heeds not hill or plain, Carries me back to grand old Maine, All this, and still I am only a boy, Counting the pole for a golden toy.

And yet must trail the snow-dusted hills, Searching the beds of the glacier rivers; And then, when the mountains are grand and tall, Where the foaming cataracts leap and fall, All these have no power to dim the eye, Straightening the chubs in the pasture brook, Long may they live with lads called to roam, For right conquests might by the visions of home.

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Applicant—"Never had a sick day in my life."

Agent—"You do not contemplate entering upon any hazardous undertaking, I suppose?"

Applicant—"Well, yes, I am afraid I do. I am going to get married, next Wednesday."

A Word

TO THE HOUSE OWNER.

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Now, I can sell, if wanted, a so-called lead and oil paint for about a dollar a gallon, or I can sell a guaranteed lead, linseed oil and zinc paint for one dollar and fifty cents per gallon which will weigh seventeen pounds to the gallon. When you are offered a paint for less than above price, ask them to weigh it. Lead is heavy.

Yours for good economy,

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long term of years, with a renewal of the old.

The first thing to do in restoring such a farm is to get a crop of some green stuff. In my experience I have always found that it is easy to start a crop of oats by fall plowing, scratching the ground just enough to cover the seeds a little. Then by the following spring when the oats are up they should be plowed under. This makes a good starter, and then by adding crops of grass and clover to the oats the soil will get the nourishment that it has so long lacked.

In most worn-out farms the soil is stiff and hard, and during dry weather the surface bakes so hard that it is difficult to force a plow through it. There are two remedies for this. One is to work more plant manure in the soil, which makes it more porous, and the other is to underdrain it. If the soil does not respond to the former treatment, in the course of time underdrainage must be resorted to anyway. Too little attention is given to this on most old farms, especially where the soil is a tough clay.

Plowing is often one of the best methods for restoring the lost fertility of any soil. It works well either when the soil has too little plant food in it, or when it is overworked with humus. It enables the soil to digest the food, releases much that is imprisoned in it, and stores up nitrogen from the air. Not only fall plowing, but summer plowing, have been allowed to run down. Such work will often take the place of commercial fertilizers and barnyard manure, and though all of the latter that one can possibly secure should be mixed up with the soil at every plowing.

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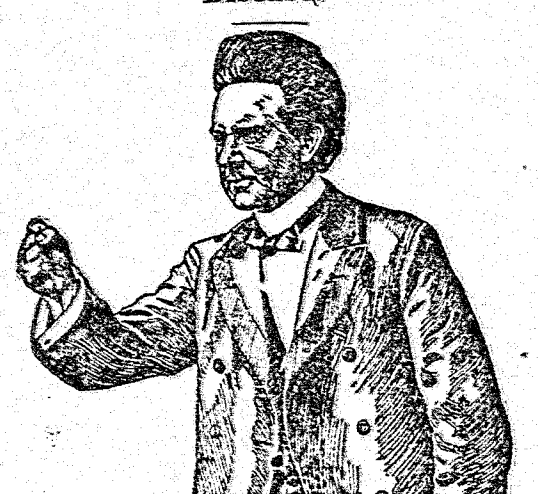
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OXFORD.

Cyrus Wardwell is repairing his house and having new windows put in.

George Cash has purchased the place formerly owned by Arthur Towne.

Mrs. R. R. Cushman is having rooms finished off in her house to make another rent.

Arthur Towne has sold his place. Mr. and Mrs. Towne will live in Mrs. Cushman's rent.

Quite a large number of the help are obliged to be out of the mill with sore arms, due to vaccination.

That Hard Cheese.

The following cheese story was told by a man who will call Mr. M., a funny man. The lady in the story we will call Mrs. R. The parties connected with this story were residents of Oxford County. Time, 40 years ago. One of the old lady R's. sayings used to be, "That it did do her soul good to give away things that were not good for anything to her."

One day Mr. M. being at the house of Mrs. R., the old lady asked him if he would like a cheese, if so she would give him one. M's. reply was that he should, the lady had a large family of children and was a poor man, whereupon Mrs. R. brought forth the cheese (one of her own make). Mr. M., after thanking her for it, placed it under his arm and trudged homeward, reaching home about mealtime. The family were all in waiting for him. Thinking some of the cheese would go good at that meal Mr. M. said to his wife, "If you will hand me the butter knife I will cut this cheese and we will have some to eat." On receiving the knife and trying to cut the cheese he found it hard, so much so that he could not cut it in the usual way, and so raising his hand he struck it a sharp blow with the point of the knife. This did not scratch the cheese, but broke the knife short off at the handle.

At this Mr. M. began to get excited and calling on one of the boys to get the sharpest axe and follow him to the chopping block, he said he would cut the cheese or bust it. Laying the cheese on the block, he struck it a powerful blow with the axe, but alas, all the effect it had was to break the steel from the axe, but never left a scratch on the cheese. This made Mr. M. so mad that he threw the cheese into the hog pen, and at the time he related this story he said it had been there 5 years, and all the hogs that he had owned since it had been there had broken their teeth off on it and you could not find a scratch on it now. And further Mr. M. said if he could only find another cheese just like it and get a hole through them and put in an axle he could haul the Devil out of his supposed abode and not scorch the cheese a bit.

How to Look Good.

Good looks are really more than skin deep, depending entirely on a healthy condition of all the vital organs. If the liver is inactive, you have a bilious look; if your stomach is disordered, you have a dyspeptic look; if your kidneys are affected, you have a pinched look. Secure good health, and you will surely have good looks. "Electric Bitters" is a good Alternative and Tonic, acts directly on the stomach, liver and kidneys, purifies the blood, cures pimples, blotches and boils, and gives a good complexion. Every bottle guaranteed. Sold at Noyes Drug Store, Norway, and F. A. Shurtleff's, South Paris. 50 cents per bottle.

For Possession of a Boy.

Saturday morning in the supreme court at Portland was given a hearing on a petition for a habeas corpus brought by a Mr. Rankins of Portland to get possession of a nine years old boy, who is described in the writ as Harry G. Rankins. This boy is the son of Mr. Rankins' wife by a former husband and is living in the family of Otto M. Waite of Canton. Ten years ago the woman, who is now Mrs. Rankins, married a man named Derrick. The marriage proved unhappy and the woman left Derrick and went to Canton and lived for a while at the house of Otto M. Waite. The mother signed papers assigning her claim on the child to Mr. Waite, but the father could not be found and so the process of adoption was not carried beyond this point. Mrs. Derrick finally obtained a divorce in the court of Androscoggin county, and the probate court of that county gave to her the custody of the child. Afterward Mr. Rankins of Portland, who now endeavors to get possession of the boy, Mr. Waite refuses to surrender the boy unless ordered to do so by the court on the ground that the mother having assigned to him her claim to the boy and having afterward been granted the custody of the child by the courts the adoption is legal.

After a long hearing the court ordered Otto M. Waite of Canton to surrender the custody of Harry G. Rankins to the boy's step-father.

HARRISON.

John B. Dube is running five lathes in his wood turning factory in having a good run of Morris chair making.

Mrs. S. H. Ricker is making a good recovery from her recent severe illness.

Hollis H. Caswell has bought a dynamo and will light his store and mills by electricity.

The run of the grip in the family of the Rev. Mr. Harriman seems to be about over. The children have recovered and Mrs. Harriman is gaining rapidly.

RUMFORD FALLS.

Rev. E. W. Webber has recovered from the grip.

M. G. Shaw of Bath was in town on business, last week.

Rev. J. A. Corey, Methodist presiding elder, was in town, last week.

Mrs. Amanda Votter has recovered from a severe run of pneumonia.

Mrs. Dell Dyer is under treatment at the Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston.

The high school annual prize speaking will take place on Friday evening of next week.

The Duntun Lumber Co. will build a new brick engine house, 35x50 feet, as soon as the ground settles.

Frank Hemingway has returned to his home in Seattle, Wash., after several weeks at the old home in South Rumford.

Wallace Babb of Mexico paid \$17.53 fine and costs in the new Municipal Court, for assault on his father, Don H. Babb.

J. E. Hobson has returned from Massachusetts. He had a busy fortnight's business trip to several cities in that great state.

Jefferson Jackson was hit in the eye by a piece of board while doing a little carpenter work about his stable. He will probably not lose the eye.

Allen Robinson lost a horse, last week, from over feeding. The animal was one of a pair of black beauties that were to be given valued at more than \$100.

Andy Filardo is in the hospital at Lewiston. The surgeons hope to save his left leg which was so fearfully crushed while working in the woods, last month.

Fred N. Alward was brought down from Benia a few days ago with a bad cut on his right thigh. An axe had gone into the thigh almost its full size. He will probably recover all right.

At a recent Sunday evening service in the Methodist church, the different people represented, as reckoned, were Yankee, Prince Edward Island, English, French, Danish, German, Italian, Chinese and possibly others.

One of our foreign-born inhabitants recently had occasion to visit the office of the new Municipal Court. His knowledge of English language intricacies is limited, and his struggles resulted in addressing the letter to "Mr John Sun the Jug".

The Post Oliver Wendell Holmes' Witticism.

The great poet, Oliver Wendell Holmes, once said: "If all drugs were thrown into the sea, it would be better for mankind, and all the worse for the fishes." Of course the genial poet referred only to poisonous drugs as used by most physicians. He certainly could not have meant all medicines, for Nature, in her woods and fields, has been most prolific in yielding up her treasures of harmless, vegetable remedies for every disease. The wonderful discovery of the famous Dr. Greene, of 34 Temple Place, Boston, Mass., amply proves the fact. Indeed, this skilled specialist in the treatment of nervous, chronic and lingering complaints, has discovered a remedy for poisoning drugs as used by most physicians. His extraordinary success in curing diseases of whatever name or nature, the innumerable restorations to health under the use of these marvelous curative medicines as prescribed by Dr. Greene, or of the remedies for each and every phase of disease, and that Dr. Greene, by his deep investigations, has discovered a large experience, has discovered and prepared a cure for these complicated cases of chronic disease. Any sufferer can demonstrate this fact, as Dr. Greene gives all the privilege of consulting him, personally or by letter, absolutely free of charge. If you are out of health and have failed to be cured, send Dr. Greene at once, or write to him freely and fully about your case. You can do so in perfect and absolute confidence. He will explain your complaint and advise you what to do to be cured.

MILTON PLANTATION.

Milton Plantation at the recent town meeting elected on the school board E. A. Farnum, Geo. E. Brown and V. D. Cole; constable, A. J. Woodward; treasurer, David Farnum. Appropriated for roads and bridges, \$850; schools, \$175; school books, \$25; poor, \$10; public charges, \$200; collector's percentage, .024.

The first statue of a woman to adorn the rotunda of the capitol at Washington will be that of Frances Willard. And it is generally agreed that a noble woman could not have been selected to have a place there.

The Oxford County Agricultural Society have issued the prize list for their fifty-seventh exhibition, to be held on their fair grounds, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 19, 20 and 21. A few changes have been made in the lists of prizes, new committees chosen and such other changes as seemed best for the good of the society. The report shows they have expended the past year besides their running expenses, \$891.33 for building and repairs, and \$899.72 for repairs on the track, in all \$1,791.05. This has all been paid except a loan of about \$50.

Children's Corner.

South Harrison, Me., March 6, 1899.
DEAR EDITOR.—I am a little boy and I shall be ten years old my next birthday, and that is the nineteenth of next month. I am boarding with my cousins in the country and I like up here very much. My home is in Biddeford, Me., and I live with my grandpa and grandma when I am there. For pets I have three kitties; their names are Snowball, Kippie and Grandy. I go to school when there is one, but it does not keep now. I study reading, spelling, geography, arithmetic, history and grammar. I have an uncle in Cuba. I will close with a riddle. Black and white, read all over. From your little friend,

BARLE O. KINNEY.

In the death of Mrs. Elizabeth (Sampson) wife of Capt. Lewis Bisbee, East Sumner has lost a most worthy and greatly esteemed resident. She had been a faithful and devoted wife of Capt. Bisbee, having shared his joys and sorrows for over 70 years. This worthy couple were united on Dec. 31, 1829, and their golden wedding was celebrated over twenty years ago. At the town's Centennial on June 15, 1898, Mrs. Bisbee was in quite good health and with her companion occupied seats upon the platform. She will long be remembered as a lively, cheerful and kind neighbor and friend. She was 91 years of age last September. The captain survives her. He has been very feeble, the past winter. The funeral occurred at the residence on Sunday.

NORTH WOODSTOCK.

Thomas Barrett and wife of Lewiston recently made a week's visit at R. E. Farnum's. Mrs. Barrett and Mrs. Farnum are sisters.

Freeman Chase and wife of South Paris stopped at L. S. Billings', last Monday night, and were caught away from home in Tuesday's blizzard.

Physicians Endorse Dr. True's Elixir.

"Our medical staff has made free use of your Pin Worm Elixir, and they find the return so satisfactory that they have asked us to 'always keep it in stock.' We have gladly done this and obtained our supply from the local wholesale druggists from whom we purchase our regular stock of drugs." The above extract from a letter to Dr. J. F. True, of Auburn, Me., from Albert C. Smith, president of The Suffolk Dispensary, Boston, gives evidence of the regard which the medical profession has for Dr. True's famous vegetable remedy. It has been used with constant success for 47 years in thousands of households for the cure of worms of all kinds, for diseases of the stomach, liver and intestines, and for all the common complaints of children.

IMPRESSED.

The young woman who recites poetry had just been breathing a few soulful stanzas into the ear of Colonel Stillwell. The colonel's ear was not used to it, and he betrayed symptoms of uneasiness.

"You see," he exclaimed apologetically, "I can't really appreciate poetry. I get so busy keeping time to the lines with my feet that I forget to look out for the sense. And when my curiosity gets aroused concerning the sense I forget to keep time. So I may as well confess that it's rather wasted. It might just as well have been done in prose."

"But you surely cannot fail to appreciate the significance of such lines as 'The nights shall be filled with music, and the stars which descend like the Arabs and silently steal away'."

The colonel looked thoughtful. Then he exclaimed:

"No; those lines are all right. They show great knowledge of human nature. I have traveled in the east, and I know all about Arabs. And his character is suggested in that stanza with great delicacy and, at the same time, with accuracy. An Arab will steal anything. You may argue and entreat, and he may apologize and promise, but it won't make any difference. He will go right ahead in his old custom and keep stealing away."—Washington Star.

A Job's Comforter.

"My new book," said the discouraged author, "has not been popular enough to afford us a dinner."

"That's because you're a genius," said his wife, "and won't be appreciated until after you're dead and gone. Now, if you only lived in a garret, ten flights up, where there was no elevator, on a crust of bread a day, how perfectly poetical it would be!"

She didn't hear what he said as he rushed out. She couldn't, for he kicked the dog down the stairs, and the dog was howling.—Atlanta Constitution.

Quite a Hot One.

The boy was trying to specify when a certain thing happened.

"The night that you didn't come home," he began, adding his remarks to the effect:

"That is very indefinite," broke in the woman.

The man had nothing to say. He knew that the best thing he could do was to pretend to take it as his wife's little joke.—Chicago Post.

Too Lucid.

He—Do you like my little poem?
She—Yes; the sentiment is beautiful, and the handling of your theme is delicate itself, but I fear it is not up to our modern ideal. No one would attribute it to Browning. Couldn't you make it just a trifle more ambiguous and puzzling? I can clearly understand every word and sentence as it is.—Detroit Free Press.

Delicate Distinctions.

"Do you think," said Mr. Orestes Vayn Hany, "this manager will pay me as the money I earn?"

"I guess so," said Mr. Stormington Barnes, with the quiet superiority of a veteran. "But I doubt whether he will ever pay you half of what he promised you."—Washington Star.

Ignorance Bites; Knowledge Blisters.

Mr. Applebait—Where ignorance is bliss, you know, "this folly to be wise."

Mrs. Wilbur—Yes, I know. Still it may interest you to know that your hat is all jammed in at the top.—Chicago News.

CENTER CHATHAM, N. H.

Mattie Keef has been sick with the grip.

Town meeting in this town, Tuesday, March 14th.

It is reported that Nettie McKeen is working for Robert Eastman.

Mrs. Osgood and Chester Eastman's family are reported to be sick.

Bessie Andrews of Stow recently made her grandfather Spencer a visit.

Ernest Jewett recently lost a fine cow which had been sick for some weeks.

Mark Charles and wife have returned home to his father's. Mr. Charles lost a fine horse recently.

March came in like a lamb and, as the old saying is, will go out like a lion. Spring is much wanted in this vicinity.

Charles McIntire from North Conway, N. H., was at Edward P. Johnson's recently to see his mother, who is quite feeble.

We learned that Caleb Brackett was to return home on May first. We hope they may for they are fine neighbors and friends to all.

Henry Johnson of Stow was in town getting up a soap order, last week. Nellie Drew was recently in the same business from Stow.

One of our smart, active old ladies is Mrs. Jessie being 89 years old, doing her household and attending to all the household duties, and her company being like that of a young girl.

Most of the teams have done good business logging. They have had fine weather for their work. One smart little fellow that teams on the mountains is Edward Hanscome. He is one of the best, as he is very small.

NEWBY.

Mrs. E. R. Lane is still living but very low indeed.

James Spinney is at work for John Allen, hauling timber.

Mrs. Walter Foster made a flying visit home, last week Friday.

Julian Farrar was in the place, last Saturday, calling on friends.

John Coolidge and son are very busy hauling lumber from the depot at Bethel to Upton. It is to finish the new house about to be erected on the island there.

1,000,000 GIVEN AWAY.

By a special and particular arrangement with the manufacturers of Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy, free bottles of this great medicine for the kidneys, liver, bladder and blood, Rheumatism, Dyspepsia and Constipation, will be sent absolutely free, post-paid, to all persons suffering from any of the diseases mentioned above who will send their full name and post office address to the DR. DAVID KENNEDY CORPORATION, Rondout, N. Y., provided they mention the OXFORD COUNTY ADVERTISER, when they write.

A very simple test to determine whether your kidneys or bladder are diseased is to put some of your urine in a glass tumbler and let it stand 24 hours, if it has a sediment or a cloudy,ropy or stringy appearance, it is pale or discolored, you do not need a physician to tell you that you are in a dangerous condition. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy speedily cures such serious symptoms as a pain in the back, inability to hold urine, a burning scalding pain in passing it. Frequent desire to urinate especially at night, the staining of linen by your urine and all unpleasantness and dangerous effects produced on the system by the use of whiskey and beer.

Dr. David Kennedy's investigation it was found that over 91 per cent. of the people who sent for a sample bottle were purchased a large sized bottle of their drug, which in most cases cured them while in some rare instances it took as many as two or even three bottles to effect a permanent cure.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per large bottle, or six bottles for \$5.00. 9-13

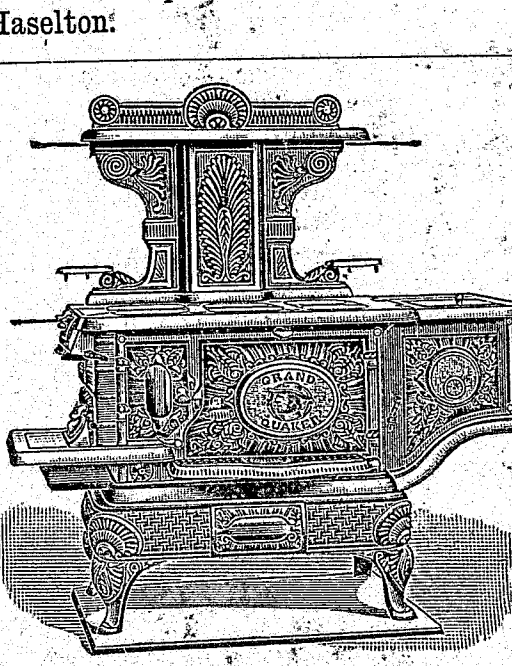
Akers & Haselton.

That is the name of the new firm, Successors to A. T. Bennett & Co., opp. the Elm House, Dealers in—

MEATS & PROVISIONS FLOUR

Milk and Cream from the best dairies. GROCERIES. Tea, Coffee and Molasses a specialty.

Goods delivered promptly to any part of the village. Leave your orders at the store or speak to the driver, J. H. Haselton.



Have you seen the heat indicator on the oven door of the Quaker Range at

HOBB'S VARIETY STORE.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that Fannie S. Pratt of Norway, has notified Norway Savings Bank in writing, that her book of deposit, in said bank, numbered 8668, has been lost and that she desires to have a duplicate book of deposit issued to her.
NORWAY SAVINGS BANK.
By S. S. STRAKOS, Treas.
11-13
Norway, Me., March 10, 1899.

HEART FAILURE

has often been styled the cause of death in persons who have long lingered in disease. The amazing work which the heart regularly performs would certainly pre-suppose its breaking down. The most active climber can raise himself 1000 feet in an hour, the best locomotive 4000 feet and the heart 20,000 feet. To preserve its energies in full glow and force, Pabst Malt Extract, The "Best" Tonic, will act as an effective and practical fuel. No steam without fire. No energy without food. No staying-power without rich supplies of blood. The heart is the great engine of the body. Keep it going steadily, easily, persistently, unto a ripe old age.

I have used your Malt Extract where a "Best" Tonic seemed to be indicated, and the results have proved quite satisfactory. Where a malt preparation is requisite it is not hesitate to suggest the use of your preparation.
THOS. SHRINER, M. D.

At all drug stores.

GOOD WATER POWER WITH MILL AND MACHINERY

At Bolster's Mills, Me., FOR SALE.
Ample power the whole year. Mill and dam in good repair, and machinery consists of 1 Chase board mill, 1 S. A. Wood 8-inch moulder, 1 board edger, 1 30-inch band saw, 1 spool stripper, 1 stave machine, 1 Lane shingle machine with shafting, belting and pulleys, etc. The power consists of one 42 inch Chase wheel put in new 4 years ago. Will sell at a bargain. Call on or address,
Chas. E. Holt or O. V. Edwards,
61f NORWAY, MAINE.

Wanted at Once!

200 MEAL BAGS

that I have lent out. Parties having the same will confer a great favor by returning them soon as possible so that we can get them filled while the traveling is good.

W. K. Hamlin,

South Waterford, Me.

House For Sale.

The house is situated on Tucker street and has two tenements and stable. The upper tenement, with six rooms, is now to let. The house will be sold at a great bargain.
Call on or address,
ARTHUR HEBBARD,
101f Norway, Maine.

OXFORD COUNTY LOAN ASSOCIATION.

Having been appointed by Hon. A. R. Savage, Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, a Special Master in Chancery to receive and decide on all claims against the said Oxford County Loan Association and make report thereof to the Court.

Notice is hereby given that six months from the fourth day of January A. D. 1899 is allowed for the presentation of claims, and that by order of Court all claims not presented within said period shall be forever barred. And further notice is given that I will attend to receiving such claims at my office in Norway, Maine, on Saturday, the 25th day of April, 1899, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

CHARLES E. HOLT,
Special Master in Chancery.
Norway, Feb. 25, 1899. 9-11

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Pythian School of Instruction.

The second in Maine and first in Oxford County of the schools of instruction in the work of the order, conducted by the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, was held at Bryant's Pond, Tuesday, March 14th. Past Grand Chancellor Luther B. Roberts of Portland was present. Grand Chancellor Waldo Pettengill of Rumford Falls, and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal Wesley G. Smith of Portland represented the Maine Grand Lodge.

The opening address was given by Past Chancellor Hollis C. Dunton of Metlak Lodge and response by Chancellor Commander Ralph J. Haughton of Hamlin Lodge. District Deputy Grand Chancellor H. S. Melcher of Andover was in charge of the school, and G. K. of R. & S. Smith exemplified the unwritten work of the rank.

In the afternoon the rank of Page was worked by the teams of Oxford Road Lodge, No. 54, of Hanover, and Fraternal Lodge, No. 118, of Bryant's Pond.

After that, supper was served at the Glen Mountain House.

In the evening the rank of Esquire was worked by the teams of Cabot Lodge, No. 117, of Andover, and Metlak Lodge, No. 99, of Rumford Falls.

At eleven o'clock, supper was served in the hall below.

After that, the rank of Knight was worked by the teams of Pinessewasse Lodge, No. 18, of Norway, and Hamlin Lodge, No. 31, of South Paris.

There was a good attendance from all the working lodges and a half-dozen from Craigie Lodge, No. 131, of Oxford, besides many visitors from other lodges.

The members of Pinessewasse Lodge who went up from Norway are: Chancellor Commander, Arthur C. Wiley, Master of Work, Orrington M. Cummings, Prelate, Hosea McKay, Keeper of Records and Seal, Harry H. Nevers, Master at Arms, Alton Millett, Outer Guard, Frank H. Hurd.

Fast Chancellors: E. E. Millett, A. H. Hebbard, T. L. Heath, F. E. Drake, A. N. French, Brothers: D. J. Dunn, C. M. Pike, G. R. Estes, E. L. Edwards, S. P. Kimball, O. A. Schnorr, David Leiroke, A. B. Erickson, L. H. Daugherty, L. P. Sweet.

They are unanimous in reporting the school as in every particular successful.

Hamlin Lodge of South Paris was represented by:

Chancellor Commander, Ralph J. Haughton, Vice-Chancellor, Samuel C. King, Prelate, H. C. Cummings, Master at Arms, Charles M. Titcomb, Master of Finance, Frank E. Kimball, Inner Guard, Percy Walker, Outer Guard, A. J. Bigelow.

Fast Chancellors: T. S. Barnes, A. W. Walker, Herbert Fletcher, Brothers: W. A. Porter, C. W. Bowker, W. L. Larabee, H. N. Porter, C. E. Johnson, E. E. Ramsey, E. E. Barrows, H. D. Hammond, E. W. Mason, Ed Jones, J. H. Stuart.

Albert Blavon a tramp who has frequented Maine for the past six years, was arrested at Poland, Saturday, on the charge of assaulting an old lady in Denmark, last fall.

All who are interested are hereby informed that Dr. Andrew Bennett will be in town from Norway from March 15, 1899 to March 15, 1900, and will attend upon all cases where parties are unable to pay their own doctors' bills and for which the town is lawfully liable.

NOTICE. D. S. SANBORN, Assessor of Norway, March 17, 1899.

Carpet Weaving. J. W. Morgan, carpet weaver, is now located at Thomas Bradbury's Buckfield, Me. Orders for weaving may be left at O. S. Morgan's on Whitman street, Norway, Me. Hit or miss carpet 10 cents per yard. Warp furnished when required. 11-12.

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NORTH NORWAY.

Go. Hobbs has gone to Boston for a week or two.

Albion Hall is very sick at Will Hall's at West Paris.

Albert Packard has returned from his trip to the Hub.

Several families went to Pomona at West Paris, last week.

Bert Dunn has hired to Nathan Millett for the coming season.

Howard Knightly has bought the Isaiah Penley farm, so called.

F. Haskell, who bought F. Cox's farm, is intending to move, this week.

Howe & Bonney, blacksmiths at Lower Corner, have dissolved partnership.

Gny Curtis and family have returned from Bethel, where he has been logging all winter.

Len Young is working for John S. Brown of Milton.

Mrs. E. Merrill spent the past week with her relatives in this place.

Mrs. Melinda Bean is visiting her sister, Mrs. Olive Bartlett, in this place.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Hastings and daughter Edith visited relatives in this place, last week.

The young whist club was entertained, last Wednesday evening, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kimball. The first prize for the ladies was won by Rose E. Kimball. It was presented to Mrs. L. I. Young, who was the next highest in count. The first prize for the gentlemen was won by Albert H. Bartlett, who counted eighty-one. H. E. Bartlett and Lillian M. Cole won the booby prizes.

C. A. Littlehale sold his steers for \$50. Hugh McKenney is working for R. W. Kibbe.

1 Ben Sanborn of Upton was in town, Tuesday.

Ellie J. Thurston is visiting friends in Lewiston and Auburn.

Minnie I. Fuller celebrated her thirtieth birthday, Monday.

J. W. Dresser has finished logging and gone to his home in Albany.

S. A. Eames' family, who have all been sick with grip, are improving.

Henry Lombard has got through in the woods and returned home.

R. W. Kilgore refused twenty dollars for his heifer calf 11 months old.

Mrs. R. W. Kilgore has nearly recovered from her recent attack of grip.

Dr. Twaddle went to Magalloway, Sunday, to vaccinate against small pox.

The Misses Robertson and Mitchell of Ellis River were at M. L. Thurston's, Monday.

Mrs. Howard Thurston entertained Mrs. Charles Douglass and little daughter, last week.

Mrs. W. A. Foster started for Southern California, Saturday, in company with Mrs. Bell of New York.

Mrs. H. F. Thurston is visiting her sister, Mrs. Irving Stearns at Bethel. Nora Fuller is keeping house for her.

The dance in Eames' Hall, last Saturday evening, was well attended. All are cordially invited for March 25th.

George Ryerson of Bethel passed through town, Wednesday, on his way to the lakes to visit his father's logging camp.

Fred Kilgore has finished logging back of F. E. Munroe's. He will get through hauling to the landing in about two weeks.

Edgar Coolidge of Upton gave his father, J. P. Coolidge, a call on Sunday, returning home, Monday, taking his wife's two sisters with him.

W. B. Wright is hauling phosphate from the G. F. station at Bethel to his home. He is agent for the Great Eastern Fertilizer Co., Rutland, Vt.

E. S. Russell has been confined to the house several days.

We understand the Adventists are to make some repairs on their property.

The mill barn of E. E. Richardson has partially caved in. Mr. Richardson is away.

Bert Fuller has been home from Upton for several days, stopping at Oliver Fuller's.

Wm. Jackson of Bryant's Pond is making weekly trips here, selling groceries, etc.

Free vaccination was tendered all who wished by the board of health at the post-office, the 13th.

Edwards, the confectionary man, was in town, Thursday, leaving a good supply of sweets with Fuller.

Several attended the necktie and apron festival at the Pond, Friday night. They always put up a good time there.

The people who are endeavoring to revive the Methodist society are to give an entertainment, Thursday evening of this week, at the church, consisting of farces, recitations, and music, together with a supper. Proceeds to further repair the church.

WEST MINOR. A. F. DeGosa spent the Sabbath with friends in Auburn.

The Grange held a mock trial, Friday evening. It was very good.

H. P. Davee has been confined to the house, the past week, with the grip.

Stanley Walker of Yarmouth is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Millett.

G. W. Farris of Massachusetts has been spending a few days with his nephew, Fred Farris.

Mrs. L. P. York was in Lewiston, a few days last week, helping to care for Mrs. W. E. Keegan, who is quite ill.

James Sawyer has finished work for Fred Farris in the blacksmith shop and gone in business for himself at Mechanic Falls.

The Grange is to have an all-day meeting, the 18th. Centre Minor Grange is invited to visit them. Z. A. Gilbert of Turner Grange and Mr. Lowell of East Auburn are to be here.

EAST STONEHAM.

Ernest Bartlett was in town, Monday. Charles Flanders' baby is improving slowly.

Bessie Hamlin visited friends in town, Saturday and Sunday.

Edith McAllister is staying with her sister, Mrs. John Barker.

John Files and his son Clarence are at Norway at his winter.

The selection of Stoneham are: Jonathan Bartlett, William Adams, Frank McAllister; clerk, F. H. Bartlett.

Jock McAllister and wife and little son Myron are visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. McAllister's health is improving.

The Sunday-school in the Bartlett neighborhood had a box supper, March 10. A very good time is reported.

The little school has worked hard and faithfully for the past year to teach and uphold God's word. May his blessing rest upon these faithful workers for their Lord and Master.

Mrs. Sarah Brown is on the sick list, I hear.

The Butters girls have returned from Rumford.

Mrs. Lucy Allen will go back to her old home soon.

Mrs. Cora Cross has gone to Newry to work for Mrs. John Allen.

Melior Brown is in very poor health. He is stopping at his son Alonzo's.

Summer Evans is still quite feeble. We hear that he will carry on the farm.

Mr. Evans' house and carriage on the farm will be occupied by his son-in-law, Mr. Culbert.

EAST HEBRON.

Snow melted fast, Saturday and Sunday.

Millie Saunders is in Hartford sick with the grip.

Minot has great attraction for Everett Conant of late.

Colds are very prevalent since the damp days came.

I. L. Tibbetts passed last week in Farmington with relatives.

Mrs. E. Bridgman remains as she was at our last writing, with little or no improvement in her health.

The Grange had a mask sociable on Saturday evening, the 11th. Some few came from the Academy.

F. E. Whiting started with his haypress for Hartford and Canton, last Saturday, having a good job in both towns.

The citizens met at H. N. Merrill's, last Friday, for free vaccination by Dr. Caldwell of Buckfield, employed by Hebron.

A young lady was very sick recently with bilious fever. On being asked what the M. D. said, she replied, "He said I was awful rebellious and had a fever."

B. C. Keene moved to Auburn, one week ago, and left his son to care for his farm and his hired mother, Henry Green.

His aged mother. Alton sold nine cows his father gave him. Some change came over the spirit of Ben's dreams and now the news comes that he and his housekeeper Ida will move back on the farm, this week.

ALBANY.

Melville Wilbur and Bert Bird have been visiting friends in Oxford and Hebron.

Evelyn Wilbur has returned to Norway, after spending a week at her father's.

Fred Clark has finished his winter's work in Gilead and with his family have returned home.

We understand that Wallace E. Cummings has bought the Barker house on Libby's mill and will soon move his family into it.

M. K. Wilbur has sold his interest in the U. S. mail to his brother Archie, who will carry the daily mail from Albany to Bethel and return.

We are informed that Mrs. Phoebe Atkins, a native of this town, now in San Francisco, has recently had a shock of apoplexy and is in very poor health.

She has many friends in the East, who hope for a speedy recovery.

VALLEY ROAD.—W. R. Rice has been hauling birch for the Barker boys.

Harry Bird is still in the woods.

Mrs. Saunders is in rather poor health.

O. H. Saunders is visiting his mother in Portland.

Mrs. Elliott Kimball has been visiting her parents.

George Grover has swapped sleighs with C. W. Willey.

Bert Bird contemplates visiting his people in Biddeford.

Mrs. Lizzie Cummings, who has been sick, is still gaining.

At the town meeting ball at the Grange hall, the crowd got together, while after, Will Rand and Fred Bartlett from Sunday River, were in the Valley, last week.

The drama at the town house was a grand success. The net receipts were very satisfactory.

Among the many important questions is that of: shall we go to the county fair on the "ice-cream" day?

Round Mountain Grange were invited to meet with Bethel Grange, March 11, for an all-day meeting, and twenty-three responded to the invitation. A gracious reception, a bountiful dinner, a pleasing program, well sustained—the first warm-weather, the second filled the stomach, the third was a feast for the mind. What more could even Grangers ask?

EAST OTISFIELD. Bert Johnson is clapping his house. S. D. Johnson has started up his saw mill.

Peter Wood and family went to Norway, last Sunday.

Gertrude Moore from Auburn is at work for M. O. Kemp.

Mrs. John J. McNeil from Welchville is at work for S. D. Johnson.

S. H. Wardwell went to Brighton, Mass., Monday, with wife.

S. Murray Wardwell from Auburn is stopping with his uncle, S. H. Wardwell.

DIXFIELD CENTRE. Marriages in town for 1898, 7; births, 28; deaths, 9.

E. Rita Holman, graduate of Farmington State Normal School, was elected supervisor of public schools for ensuing year.

The prospect for making maple syrup, this spring, is poor. We have not tapped yet. Spring is rather backward but plenty of hay in barns.

The town farm and personal property is to be sold at public auction, Thursday, March 16, proceeds to go towards extinguishment of the town debt.

OXFORD.

Edith French is in the post-office, again.

Geo. Heslop has bought the place of the late Addie Pike and moved on it.

Thomas Colton and Thomas Heslop will occupy the rents vacated by George Heslop and George Cash.

Moses Hanscome died, Saturday, the 14th, after a long illness. The deceased was 70 years of age and for many years a resident of Oxford. He leaves a widow, one daughter and four sons. Funeral at the Congregational church, Tuesday afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

Rev. C. S. Cummings of Auburn will give a lecture in the M. E. church in aid of the church finances, Friday evening, March 24. Subject: Sense, Sentiment and Superstition.

The high school, taught by S. M. Hamlin of Sebago, closed, Friday, after a profitable term of 10 weeks. Nellie F. Stone was assistant. The following program was presented on Friday, afternoon:

Sophomore class in Latin..... Linnaeus Millett
Composition, Bees..... Bertha Kavanagh
Composition, How a Girl Fishes..... Floyd Wardwell
Class in Arithmetic..... Edith Flood
Composition, Washington's Inauguration..... Roseanna White
Rec. How the Slaves were Won..... Jessie Martin
Composition, The Story of a Pine..... Ethel Cook
Class in English Literature..... Blanche Lord
Composition, The Two Friends..... Ralph Edwards
Composition, Benedict Arnold..... Mabel French
Rec. Edmund's Speech..... Andrew Hayes

Nearly thirty of Oxford's prominent citizens were present, showing their appreciation of the high school and the good work the teachers and pupils have done.

Ed. Andrews visited relatives at Paris, last week.

Charles Penley of Paris was through this section, buying cows, Saturday.

John Eames, esq., of Sunday River visited friends in this vicinity, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lapham visited his uncle, Nelson Lapham, at Paris, Sunday.

Elbridge Buck, who has been so ill, nearly all winter, is much improved. He is now able to do some kinds of light work.

Advertised Letters, Norway.
Mrs. Amanda Cotton, Mrs. Florence Fish,
Mrs. Sarah P. Graves, Mrs. George Swain,
A. E. Williams, A. A. Gove,
D. George, Mellen C. Cooper,
C. J. Bailey.

Crooked River Grange.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather of March 4, sixteen loyal patrons of Bear Mountain Grange arrived at Grange Hall, Bolster's Mills, in good season. They had been saddened and worn heavily because of the death of their beloved Overseer, Henry Green. Owing to the storm, we did not look for so large a delegation. The following was the program:

Forenoon..... Quartet
Topic, Management, Advantages and Needs of Rural Towns..... N. C. Pinkham
Advantages..... S. C. Barrows
Needs..... F. H. Pike
Music in Advance..... Quartet
Essay..... Mrs. Fannie E. Skilling
Song..... Grace M. Skilling

Afternoon..... Quartet
Topic, Management, Advantages and Needs of Rural Towns..... N. C. Pinkham
Advantages..... S. C. Barrows
Needs..... F. H. Pike
Music in Advance..... Quartet
Essay..... Mrs. Fannie E. Skilling
Song..... Grace M. Skilling

One of the most enjoyable features of the day was the noon hour, when all partook of the elegant dinner, for which the Grange sisters everywhere are noted; and also the hearty sociability and informal reception.

EAST SWEDEN. Will Farrington did the chores for O. H. Haskell while he went to Norway, last week.

George S. Marr and Ed. Stone each finished hauling their hemlock bark to the railroad at North Bridgton, last week.

Perley Brown is at home from Gorham, N. H., where he has been at work in the woods for the last three months.

We learn that E. W. Stone went to Massachusetts, last week, and brought home a wife. They have our best wishes.

H. H. Bisbee finished cutting and hauling timber for the winter from the Flint lot, March 11th, and the 13th started up his mill to saw spool stock.

Nevers and Marr have the long lumber all cut and are agreed to on the Hapgood lot, but still have quite a lot of birch to cut into bolts and haul to the mill.

NORTHWEST NORWAY. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gary visited his uncle, W. S. Merrill, last Monday.

Sarah Holt, who has been visiting Mrs. E. J. Holt, about three weeks, returned to her home at Norway Center, Saturday, March 11.

Leonard Flint has finished cutting Scriber's pine timber on the Rolfe